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SUBJECT: HILL-NORTON'S STUDY ON MBFR NUCLEAR OPTION

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1. GERNERAL COLLADAY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, CONTACTED POLAD ON JUNE 11 TO DISCUSS HILL-NORTON STUDY OF OPTION III. COLLADAY SAID THAT STUDY COMMISSIONED BY HILL-NORTON ON OPTION III WAS STRICTLY AN IN-HOUSE IMS STUDY WHICH WAS NOT FINISHED. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED, AND THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO SURFACE THE STUDY OR TO SEEK TO GIVE IT OFFICIAL BLESSING.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT HILL-NORTON DECIDED TO DRAW BACK AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTERNATION HE HAS CREATED IN CERTAIN QUARTERS BY HIS ATTEMPTS TO INTERJECT HIMSELF INTO THE OPTION III ARENA. AMBASSADOR BRUCE, FOR EXAMPLE, SPOKE TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS ON JUNE 9 AND NOTED THAT HILL-NORTON HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY MANDATTE FROM THE COUNCIL TO STUDY OPTION III. TO WHICH LUNDS AGREED, ALSO,
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MILREP ADMIRAL WEINEL MADE THIS SAME POINT TO HILL-NORTON WHEN THE LATTER RAISED THE MATTER IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (SEE REF B).

3. IN VIEW OF HILL-NORTON'S APPARENT INTENTION TO FORCE PLANS TO

PURSUE A FORMAL OPTION III STUDY, WE BELIEVE BEST COURSE IS TO
DROP MATTER AT THIS TIME.
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